

SOUTH BEND

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MAYOR STEPHEN J. LUECKE

Letter from the Mayor

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We Hoosiers pride ourselves in this basketball-mad state of truly knowing how to celebrate March Madness. Yet a team from the state of Indiana has reached the Final Four of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament only seven times in the last 30 years – a statistic that shows what an incredibly challenging accomplishment that is for anyone.

That's why I'm writing you about the Awesome Autumn that's being experienced by the South Bend Parks and Recreation Department. Last month, a national accrediting body recognized our South Bend parks as one of the top-tier park systems in the United States, the statistical equivalent of the 1 percent of men's basketball teams that advance to the Final Four.

After a two-year process, South Bend Parks and Recreation was formally accredited by the Commission for

Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies. Only 73 U.S. agencies have earned the distinction, just four in Indiana. With more than 10,000 park agencies nationwide, this puts South Bend in the top 1 percent of park systems.

And if that weren't enough of an accomplishment, we received word 10 days later that South Bend was chosen by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for an Access to Recreation grant. With the support of the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County, the grant will enable a \$750,000 project at Potawatomi Park, the most-visited park in the county. The "Fun for All" project will create an exercise path through the park's picnic area, build a universally accessible play structure, provide accessible picnic tables and grills, improve access to the Potawatomi band shell and help promote and sustain universal accessibility in the future.

South Bend was one of only three communities to receive such a significant grant. Such grant opportunities are one of the anticipated benefits of national accreditation. But these aren't the first national honors for South Bend Parks and Recreation:

- Earlier this year, South Bend became one of the nation's first We Can! cities designated by the National Institutes of Health to prevent obesity in youth, ages 8-13.
- The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute chose South Bend as one of five pilot cities for its national Hearts N' Parks program, to encourage people to change to a healthier lifestyle with small achievable steps toward better food selections and increased daily activities.
- Child Magazine named Potawatomi Zoo one of the top 20 "Kid Friendly" zoos.



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SNOW REMOVAL

Snow season will soon be upon us! Snow removal is a team effort and you play an important role in keeping our streets and sidewalks clear and safe:

- It is the responsibility of the owner or occupant of any premises on any city street to remove snow and ice from the public sidewalk within 24 hours after snow or ice has accumulated.
- If an owner or occupant fails to comply, the City may remove snow and ice after giving the owner or occupant 24 hours written notice. The owner or occupant will then be responsible for the cost of removal.
- The Dept. of Code Enforcement works with the Police Dept. to make sure abandoned vehicles are removed from city streets, especially during the winter months. *Abandoned vehicles are hazardous and obstruct snow removal crews from clearing streets for the safety of emergency vehicles and the general public.* Please report abandoned vehicles to Police, 235-9201 or Code Enforcement at 235-9486.

Thank you for your help to make South Bend a Clean, Safe City!

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Our parks have hosted national competitions and our facilities earn high praise. There is much credit due to our park staff and Superintendent Phil St. Clair for these accomplishments. But my thanks also go to you, the people of this community, whose commitment to unsurpassed quality of life for all is embodied in these achievements by our South Bend parks.

Take some time today to enjoy your favorite South Bend park.

Sincerely,



Mayor Steve



Tree Lighting Ceremony
Friday, Dec. 7, 5:30-6:45pm
Jon R. Hunt Plaza

Local choirs perform and the artists who created the holiday greeting cards displayed on the Morris Green will be recognized. This all leads up to the big event - Santa's arrival and the lighting of the tree!

Holiday Skating Party
Sunday, Dec. 9, 4-6:00 p.m.
Howard Park Ice Rink

Admission: 2 pet food items per person, donated to South Bend Animal Control. Bring the entire family for this fun-filled time of skating, cookies, hot chocolate, and of course, Santa Claus! Skate rental is available.



Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, Dec. 8, 8 a.m.
Newman Center

Cost: \$5.00 per person. A plated breakfast will be served. Children will be entertained by Jetta & the Jellybeans, a visit by Santa, and more! Canned goods will be collected for local charities. *Pre-registration in person at O'Brien Recreation Ctr. is required.*

Tea with Santa
Saturday, Dec. 8
Erskine Park Clubhouse

Cost: \$5.00 per person
Enjoy a light lunch with Santa. Two seatings are available, 12 noon and 1:15pm. Bring your camera for fun photos! *Pre-registration in person at O'Brien Recreation Ctr. is required.*

For more information on these events, please call South Bend Parks & Recreation at 235-4768, ext. 239, or visit www.sbpark.org.

The Morris
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

WINTER SCHEDULE

December

- 2 SB Symphony "Home for the Holidays"
- 7-9 ... Southold Dance Theater "Nutcracker"
- 14 Lee Greenwood
- 31 New Year's Eve Gala @ Palais Royale

January

- 3-6 ... Sesame Street Live
- 12 SB Symphony "Legendary Characters"
- 19 Classic Rock All Stars
- 31 BB King

February

- 1-2 ... Broadway Theatre League "Evita"
- 9 SB Symphony Pops "Gershwin & Glitz"
- 16 Ultimate Doo Wop Show
- 23 SB Symphony "Tried & True"
- 24 Larry the Cable Guy
- 29 REO Speedwagon

New events are always being added, so check MorrisCenter.org for the *Hottest Tickets in Town*, or call the Box Office at 235-9190.

CITY Celebration
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WINTER CARNIVAL

December 29

Frosty fun at Howard Park! Ice skating, musical entertainment, food, and more!
Admission charged.

Winter Carnival is part of South Bend City Celebration 2007. For more information, please visit SBCityCelebration.com, or call 235-9798 or 235-9951.

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